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INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 23948

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UR, LA

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF FORMER NEUTRALIST GENERAL KONG LE

REF: VIENTIANE 7551

1. MANGKHALA TOLD EMBOFF THAT KONG LE HAD ADDRESSED TWO LETTERS TO LAO GOVERNMENT REQUESTING PERMISSION TO RETURN TO LAOS. SOUVANNA WAS CONSULTED AND REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT SENT KONG LE INTO EXILE, AND HENCE KONG LE'S RETURN WAS COMPLETELY UP TO HIM.

2. VIETNAMESE SOURCES HERE SAY THAT KONG LE HAS BEGUN TO BE MORE ACTIVE POLITICALLY HERE AND WAS CONSIDERING NEW EFFORTS TO PLAY A POLITICAL ROLE IN LAOS. ONE SOURCE SAID KONG LE HAD SEEN PGNU FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT (LPF) DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO PARIS AND WAS GIVEN MONEY AND APPARENTLY ENCOURAGEMENT TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE.

3. COMMENT: INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE REACTIVATION OF KONG LE MAY BE OF INTEREST IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT OF PHENG PHONGSAVAN, TIAO SIHARATH PHASOUK, AND VONGSAVANH BOUTSAVATH (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH SOUVANNA'S OLD KHANG KHAY TEAM WAS NOT PRESTIGIOUS, IT

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MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT COMMUNISTS ARE REESTABLISHING

CONTACT WITH THESE MEMBERS, IN LIGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE  
OF SOME IN JNPC WHO ARE SIDING WITH COMMUNISTS ON 18  
POINTS ISSUE.  
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